

1. Solve the system by addition:
$$\begin{cases} 3x - 2y = 6 \\ 2x + 4y = 20 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

Multiply the first equation by 2 and add the corresponding terms:

$$\begin{array}{r} + \begin{cases} 6x - 4y = 12 \\ 2x + 4y = 20 \end{cases} \\ \hline 8x = 32 \end{array}$$

Solve for x, dividing both sides by 8: $x = 4$.

Plug in any of the equations above $x = 4$ to find the y value:

$$3x - 2y = 6$$

$$3(4) - 2y = 6$$

$$12 - 2y = 6$$

$$\cancel{12} - 2y \cancel{-12} = 6 - 12$$

$$-2y = -6$$

Divide both sides by -2: $y = 3$.

The solution is: $(4, 3)$.

Check your solution by plugging in the values in BOTH equations!

2. Solve the system using the substitution method:
$$\begin{cases} 7x - y = 24 \\ x = 2y + 9 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

The second equation is solved for x. Plug in the second equation into the first equation:

$$7(2y + 9) - y = 24$$

Follow the order of operation to solve for y:

$$14y + 63 - y = 24$$

$$13y + 63 = 24$$

$$13y \cancel{+63} \cancel{-63} = 24 - 63$$

$$13y = -39$$

Divide by 13 both sides to solve for y: $y = -3$.

Plug in any of the equations above $y = -3$ to find the x value:

$$x = 2(-3) + 9$$

$$x = -6 + 9$$

$$x = 3$$

The solution is: $(3, -3)$.

Check your solution by plugging in the values in BOTH equations!

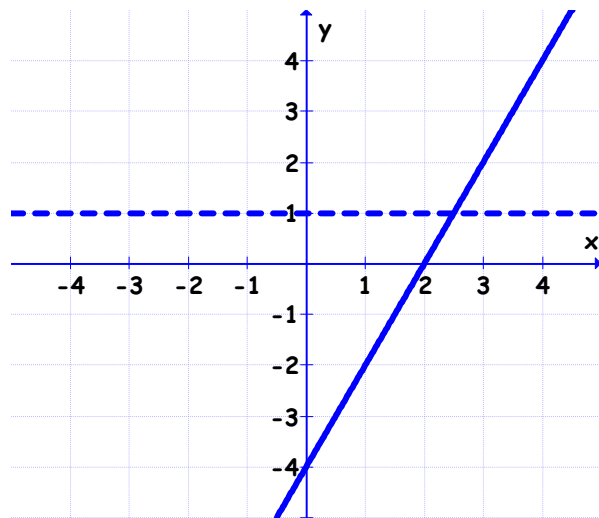
3. Solve the system by graphing:
$$\begin{cases} 2x - y \geq 4 \\ y > 1 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

Graph the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 4 \\ y = 1 \end{cases}$$

The first inequality has to be graphed with a bold line. The second inequality is a strong inequality, so it has to be graphed with a dotted line.

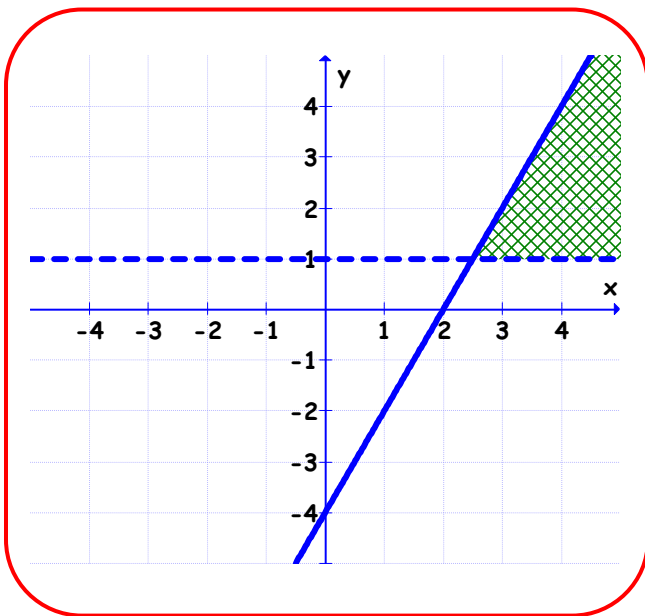


Perform a point check. Take a point from INSIDE of the areas and plug in in the INEQUALITIES!

I will pick the point $(0, 0)$

$$\begin{cases} 2(0) - 0 \geq 4 & \text{wrong} \\ 0 > 1 & \text{wrong} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{The point } (0, 0) \text{ DOES NOT belong to the solution!}$$

The solution is:



4. a) If y varies directly as x , find the constant of variation and the direct variation equation for this situation: $y = 26$, when $x = 2$.

Solution: Direct variation looks like $y = kx$. To find $k = ?$ we substitute the given information:

$$y = kx$$

$$26 = 2k$$

$$\frac{26}{2} = \frac{2k}{2}$$

$$k = 13 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = 13x$$

- b) If y varies inversely as x , find the constant of variation and the direct variation equation for this situation: $y = 5$ when $x = 4$.

Solution: Direct variation looks like $y = \frac{k}{x}$. To find $k = ?$ we substitute the given information:

$$y = \frac{k}{x}$$

$$5 = \frac{k}{4}$$

$$5(4) = k$$

$$k = 20 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \frac{20}{x}$$

Graph the solution on a real number line and write the solution in interval notation.

5. $|x-1|+4 < 5$

Solution:

Solve for the absolute value:

$$|x-1| \cancel{+4} \cancel{-4} < 5-4$$

$$|x-1| < 1$$

There are many ways to be thought about this kind of problems. You are free to use whatever you have learned best. I am going to use the definition for absolute value:

$$|z| = \pm z:$$

$$|x-1| < 1$$

$$\pm(x-1) < 1$$

This yields 2 problems:

$$x-1 < 1$$

$$x-1+1 < 1+1$$

$$x < 2$$

$$-(x-1) < 1$$

$$-x+1 < 1$$

$$-x \cancel{+1} \cancel{-1} < 1-1$$

$$-x < 0$$

$$x > 0$$

Multiply both sides with (-1) .

REMEMBER to inverse the direction of the inequality when you multiply with a negative number!

The solution is: $\{x/x < 2, x > 0\}$. In interval notation: $(0, 2)$. Graphically:



6. $|2x - 4| \geq 8$

Solution:

The equation is already solved for the absolute value. I am going to use the strategy from above to solve the inequality:

$$|2x - 4| \geq 8$$

$$\pm(2x - 4) \geq 8$$

This yields 2 problems:

$$2x - 4 \geq 8$$

$$2x - 4 + 4 \geq 8 + 4$$

$$2x \geq 12$$

$$x \geq 6$$

$$-(2x - 4) \geq 8$$

$$-2x + 4 \geq 8$$

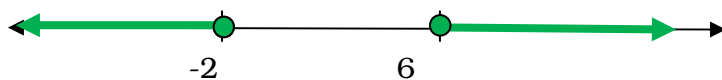
$$-2x + 4 - 4 \geq 8 - 4$$

$$-2x \geq 4$$

$$x \leq -2$$

REMEMBER to inverse the direction of the inequality when you divide by a negative number!

The solution is: $\{x/x \leq -2, x \geq 6\}$. In interval notation: $(-\infty, -2] \cup [6, \infty)$. Graphically:



7. Solve for x: $|3x - 1| - 5 = 3$

Solution:

Solve for the absolute value: $|3x - 1| - 5 + 5 = 3 + 5$

$$|3x - 1| = 8$$

$$\pm(3x - 1) = 8$$

This yields 2 problems:

$$3x - 1 = 8$$

$$3x - 1 + 1 = 8 + 1$$

$$3x = 9$$

$$x = 3$$

$$-(3x - 1) = 8$$

$$-3x + 1 = 8$$

$$-3x + 1 - 1 = 8 - 1$$

$$-3x = 7$$

$$x = -\frac{7}{3}$$

The solution is:

$$x = 3, x = -\frac{7}{3}$$

8. Using function notation, write the equation of the line with slope of 2, which passes through P (1, 3).

Solution:

The equation of a line in point-slope form is:

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$x_1 = 1; y_1 = 3; m = 2$$

$$y - 3 = 2(x - 1)$$

Following the order of operations:

$$y - 3 = 2x - 2$$

$$y - 3 + 3 = 2x - 2 + 3$$

$$y = 2x + 1$$

$$f(x) = 2x + 1$$

9. Using function notation, write the equation of the line with a y intercept point of (0, 2)

and is perpendicular to $\frac{1}{3}x + y = 5$.

Solution: The slope of the perpendicular line is reciprocal and opposite of the slope of the

line $\frac{1}{3}x + y = 5$. Solve for y this equation to find the slope:

$$\frac{1}{3}x + y = 5$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 5$$

The slope of the perpendicular line is $m = -\frac{1}{3}$. The slope of the line that is required in this problem is $m = 3$.

Using the point-slope formula: $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$y - 2 = 3(x - 0)$$

$$y - 2 = 3x$$

$$y = 3x + 2$$

$$f(x) = 3x + 2$$

In 10 and 11, simplify each expression. Write answers without using negative exponents.

10. $\left(\frac{-x^3}{27y^{-6}}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

Solution: $\left(\frac{-x^3}{27y^{-6}}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{(-x^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(27)^{\frac{2}{3}}(y^{-6})^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{(-x)^{3(\frac{2}{3})}}{(27)^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{-6(\frac{2}{3})}} = \frac{(-x)^2}{(\sqrt[3]{27})^2y^{-4}} = \frac{x^2}{3^2y^{-4}} = \frac{x^2y^4}{9}$

11. $64^{\frac{-1}{2}}$

Solution: $64^{\frac{-1}{2}} = \frac{1}{64^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{64}} = \frac{1}{8}$

In 12-15, simplify each expression. Assume that all variables represent positive real numbers. Add or subtract like terms where indicated.

12. $\sqrt{49x^6y^{16}z^4}$

Solution: $\sqrt{49x^6y^{16}z^4} = \sqrt{49}\sqrt{x^6}\sqrt{y^{16}}\sqrt{z^4} = 7x^{\frac{6}{2}}y^{\frac{16}{2}}z^{\frac{4}{2}} = 7x^3y^8z^2$

13. $\frac{\sqrt[3]{48x^8y^{14}}}{\sqrt[3]{2x^2y^2}}$

Solution: $\frac{\sqrt[3]{48x^8y^{14}}}{\sqrt[3]{2x^2y^2}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{48x^8y^{14}}{2x^2y^2}} = \sqrt[3]{24x^{8-2}y^{14-2}} = \sqrt[3]{24x^6y^{12}} = \sqrt[3]{24}\sqrt[3]{x^6}\sqrt[3]{y^{12}} =$
 $= \sqrt[3]{2^3 \cdot 3} \cdot x^{\frac{6}{3}}y^{\frac{12}{3}} = 2\sqrt[3]{3}x^2y^4 = 2x^2y^4\sqrt[3]{3}$

14. $\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{48}$

Solution: $\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{48} = \sqrt{3^2 \cdot 3} - \sqrt{4^2 \cdot 3} = 3\sqrt{3} - 4\sqrt{3} = -\sqrt{3}$

15. $\sqrt[3]{32x^4} + 6x\sqrt[3]{4x}$

Solution: $\sqrt[3]{32x^4} + 6x\sqrt[3]{4x} = \sqrt[3]{2^3 \cdot 4 \cdot x^3 \cdot x} + 6x\sqrt[3]{4x} = 2x\sqrt[3]{4x} + 6x\sqrt[3]{4x} =$
 $= 8x\sqrt[3]{4x}$

In 16-18, multiply or divide as indicated. Rationalize all denominators.

16. $(4\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{2})(5\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2})$

Solution: $(4\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{2})(5\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2}) =$
 $= 4\sqrt{3} \cdot 5\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{2} \cdot 5\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{3} \cdot 3\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2} \cdot 3\sqrt{2} =$
 $= 20\sqrt{9} - 15\sqrt{6} + 12\sqrt{6} - 9\sqrt{4} =$
 $= 20 \cdot 3 - 3\sqrt{6} - 9 \cdot 2 =$
 $= 60 - 3\sqrt{6} - 18 = 42 - 3\sqrt{6}$

17. $\frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{\sqrt{5} + 1}$

Solution: Multiply the denominator and the numerator of the irrational expression with the binomial CONJUGATE to the polynomial in the denominator, NOT the same!!!

$$\frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{\sqrt{5} + 1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{\sqrt{5} - 1} = \frac{(\sqrt{5} - 1)(\sqrt{5} - 1)}{(\sqrt{5} + 1)(\sqrt{5} - 1)} = \frac{\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} - 1\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5} \cdot (-1) - 1(-1)}{\sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5} + 1\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5} \cdot (-1) + 1(-1)} =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{25} - \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{5} + 1}{\sqrt{25} - \cancel{\sqrt{5}} - \cancel{\sqrt{5}} - 1} = \frac{5 - 2\sqrt{5} + 1}{5 - 1} = \frac{6 - 2\sqrt{5}}{4}$$

REMEMBER to simplify the numerator and the denominator by dividing EVERY SINGLE TERM by 2. The solution is:

$$\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

18. $\sqrt{\frac{16}{3}}$

Solution: Multiply both the numerator and the denominator inside the square root by 3, so you could simplify the denominator:

$$\sqrt{\frac{16}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{16 \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 3}} = \sqrt{\frac{4^2 \cdot 3}{3^2}} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

In 19-20, solve and check each solution.

19. $\sqrt{2x+1}+5=8$

Solution: Solve for the square root: $\sqrt{2x+1}+5-5=8-5$

$$\sqrt{2x+1}=3$$

Square both sides of the equation:

$$\left(\sqrt{2x+1}\right)^2=3^2$$

$$2x+1=9$$

Solve for x:

$$2x+1-1=9-1$$

$$2x=8$$

$$x=4$$

DO NOT FORGET to check your answer by plug in $x = 4$ into the very first equation!

$$\sqrt{2(4)+1}+5=8$$

$$\sqrt{9}+5=8$$

$$3+5=8 \quad \text{correct!}$$

The solution is: $x = 4$

20. $\sqrt[3]{4-2x}=2$

Solution: Power both sides of the equation by 3: $\left(\sqrt[3]{4-2x}\right)^3=2^3$; $4-2x=8$

Solve by using the proper operations.

$$4-2x-4=8-4$$

$$-2x=4$$

$$x=-2$$

Do not forget to check your solution!!!!

$$\sqrt[3]{4-2(-2)}=2$$

$$\sqrt[3]{4+4}=2$$

$$\sqrt[3]{8}=2 \quad \text{correct!}$$

The solution is: $x = -2$

21. Find the distance between the point (-5,8) and the point (1, 16).

Solution: The distance formula is: $d = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$

$$x_1 = -5; \quad x_2 = 1; \quad y_1 = 8; \quad y_2 = 16$$

$$d = \sqrt{(-5-1)^2 + (8-16)^2}$$

Don't forget to use parentheses properly!!!

$$d = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-8)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{36 + 64} = \sqrt{100} = 10$$

The answer is 10 units.

22. Graph the following radical function and list its domain and range. Label at least 3 exact points on your graph.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$$

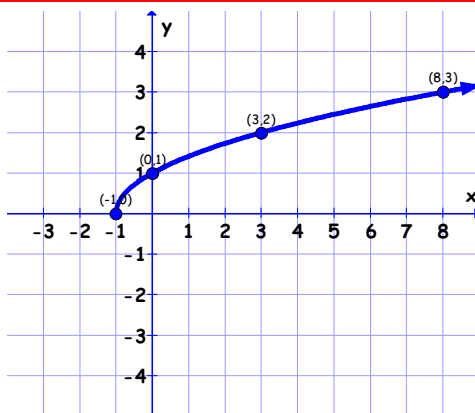
Solution: First locate the corner of the graph. This is the value for x, that makes the radicand (the binomial under the root) equal to 0. REMEMBER: the square root function is the one that goes one direction and looks like a wing:

Once you calculate the corner point you have to calculate at least 2 other points:
For the function above, $x = -1$ makes the function 0, so the corner point is $(-1, 0)$.

You cannot go to left, because when $x = -2$, $f(x) = \sqrt{-2+1} = \sqrt{-1}$, which does not exist and cannot be graphed. So you pick points to the right of $x = -1$. For example $x = 0$, $x = 1$... Some y values are not exact squares, so you avoid graphing them. Keep looking for exact y values to be able to graph exact values on the graph. In this example good points for graphing are: $(-1, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, $(3, 2)$, $(8, 3)$.

Domain: $[-1, \infty)$

Range: $[0, \infty)$



23. Solve by completing the square: $x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$

Solution: To complete the square first add 1 to both sides. Leave only multiples of x to the one side of the equation: $x^2 - 4x = 1$

Then add $\left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2$ to both sides of the equation. (This is the coefficient of the term containing x, divided by 2 and squared.)

$$x^2 - 4x + \left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 - 4x + (-2)^2 = 1 + (-2)^2$$

$$(x - 2)^2 = 1 + 4$$

$$(x - 2)^2 = 5$$

Use the square root property (take square root of both sides) to solve for x:

$$\sqrt{(x - 2)^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$x - 2 = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

24. Solve using the quadratic formula: $x^2 - 6x = -6$

Solution: Make sure that all the terms are to the one side of the equation!

$$x^2 - 6x + 6 = -6 + 6$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 6 = 0$$

The quadratic formula is:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$a = 1, b = -6, c = 6$$

$$x = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(6)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 24}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{2} = 3 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

Don't forget to cancel the 2 from every single term of the expression!!!

In 25-27, perform the indicated operations. Give all answers in a + bi form.

25. $(6 - \sqrt{-36}) - (4 + \sqrt{-49})$

Solution: The very first step is to remove the “-” sign from the radicals and to replace it with an “i” OUTSIDE of the radicals!

$$(6 - i\sqrt{36}) - (4 + i\sqrt{49})$$

Simplify (if it is possible. FOLLOW the order of operation! There is a “-” sign to be distributed to the second parentheses!

$$6 - i\sqrt{36} - 4 - i\sqrt{49} = 6 - 6i - 4 - 7i = 2 - 13i$$

26. $(5 - 3i)(4 - 2i)$

Solution: FOIL and simplify. Do not forget that $i^2 = -1$:

$$5(4) - 3i(4) + 5(-2i) - 3i(-2i) =$$

$$20 - 12i - 10i + 6i^2 =$$

$$20 - 22i - 6 =$$

$$14 - 22i$$

27. $\frac{2-i}{3+i}$

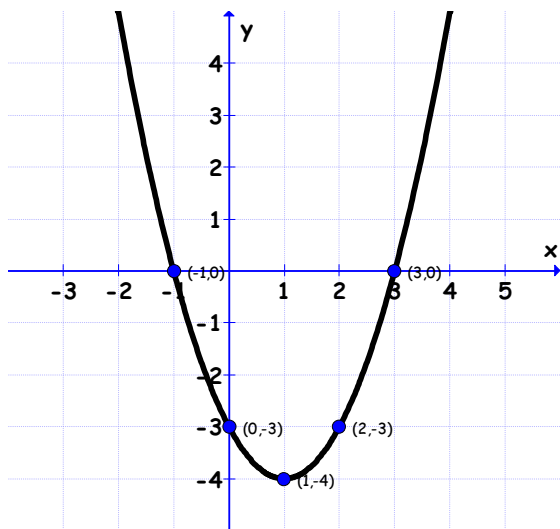
Solution: This question is very similar to question 18. Multiply the denominator and the numerator of the complex expression with the CONJUGATE to the denominator, NOT the same number!!!

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2-i}{3+i} \cdot \frac{3-i}{3-i} &= \frac{(2-i)(3-i)}{(3+i)(3-i)} = \frac{2 \cdot 3 - i \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot (-i) - i(-i)}{3 \cdot 3 + i \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot (-i) + i(-i)} = \\ &= \frac{6 - 3i - 2i + i^2}{9 + 3i - 3i - i^2} = \frac{6 - 5i - 1}{9 + 1} = \frac{5 - 5i}{10} = \frac{5}{10} - \frac{5i}{10} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i \end{aligned}$$

28. Graph the given quadratic function. Label the vertex, axis of symmetry and 2 other exact points. List domain and range.

(a) $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$

Solution: Find the vertex and calculate 2 points to the left and 2 points to the right.



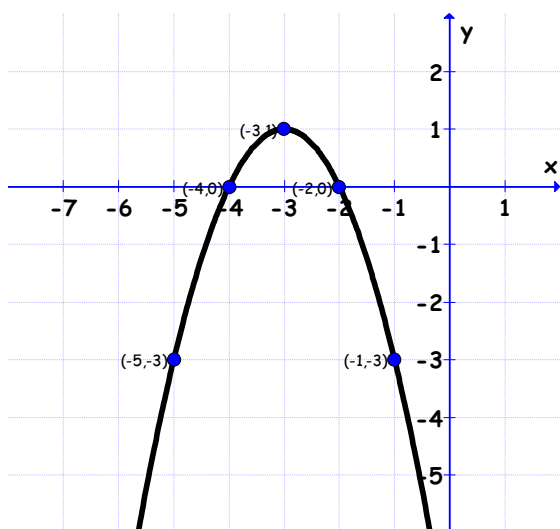
$$x_{\text{vertex}} = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-2}{2(1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$y_{\text{vertex}} = f(1) = (1)^2 - 2(1) - 3 = 1 - 2 - 3 = -4$$

Domain: $(-\infty, +\infty)$; Range: $[-4, \infty)$

(b) $f(x) = -(x+3)^2 + 1$

Solution: To find the points, first find the value for x at the vertex and then pick 2 values to the right and to values to the left. Substitute in the function and calculate the y value at these points. The vertex for a equation $f(x) = (x-h)^2 + k$ is (h, k) , so for this equation it is at $(-3, 1)$.



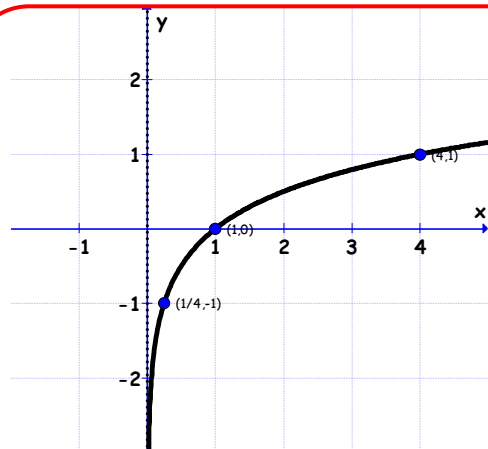
Domain: $(-\infty, +\infty)$; Range: $(-\infty, 1]$

29. Graph the function $f(x) = \log_4 x$. Label 3 exact points. List domain and range.

Solution: The easier points to be plugged are:

$$(1, \log_4 1) = (1, 0); \quad (4, \log_4 4) = (4, 1); \quad \left(\frac{1}{4}, \log_4 \frac{1}{4}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{4}, -1\right)$$

Pay attention! There is a vertical asymptote at $x = 0$! The function inside of the log is ALWAYS greater than 0.



Domain: $(0, +\infty)$; Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$

30. Graph the function $f(x) = 3^x$. Label 3 exact points. List domain and range.

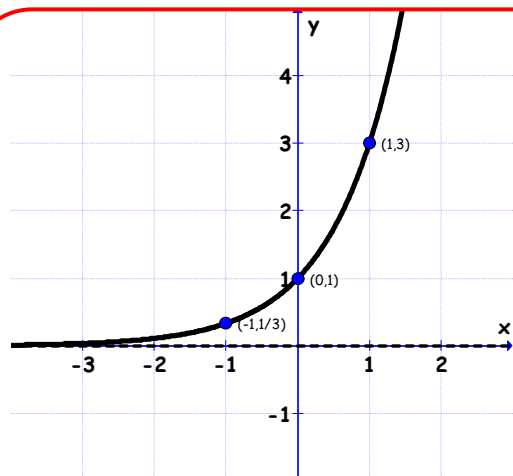
Solution: The easier points to be plugged are:

$$(0, 3^0) = (0, 1);$$

$$(1, 3^1) = (1, 3);$$

$$(-1, 3^{-1}) = \left(-1, \frac{1}{3}\right).$$

Pay attention! There is a horizontal asymptote at $y = 0$! 3^x cannot be less than 0.



Domain: $(-\infty, +\infty)$; Range: $(0, \infty)$

In 31-33, solve for x.

31. $\log_x 81 = 4$

Solution: Every time when you cannot plug in the calculator, use the DEFINITION for logarithm to switch to exponential form or vice versa!

$$\log_x 81 = 4 \Leftrightarrow x^4 = 81$$

$$x^4 = 3^4$$

$$x = 3$$

Don't forget to plug back in the very first equation to see if $x = 3$ is solution:

$$\log_3 81 = 4$$

$$\log_3 3^4 = 4 \quad \text{correct!}$$

32. $\log_{10} 100 = x$

Solution: $\log_{10} 100 = x \Leftrightarrow 10^x = 100$

$$10^x = 10^2$$

$$x = 2$$

33. $\log_2 x = 4$

Solution: $\log_2 x = 4 \Leftrightarrow 2^4 = x; \quad x = 16$

34. Write the expression $\log a^6 b^2 c$ in terms of the logarithms of a, b and c.

Solution: $\log a^6 b^2 c = \log a^6 + \log b^2 + \log c = 6\log a + 2\log b + \log c$

35. Write the expression $\frac{1}{3} \ln a + 7 \ln b - \ln c$ as a logarithm of a single quantity.

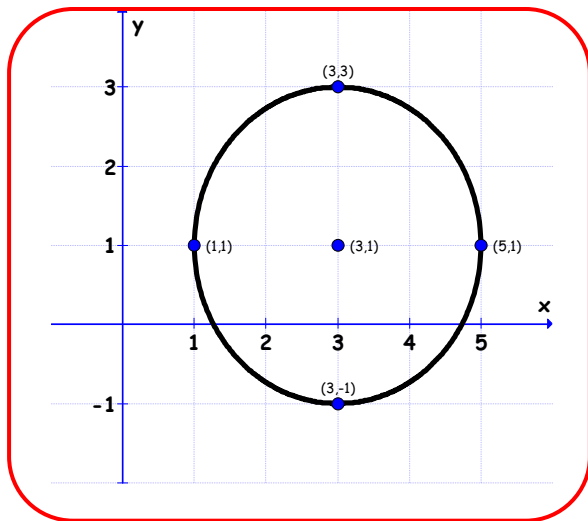
Solution: $\frac{1}{3} \ln a + 7 \ln b - \ln c = \ln \sqrt[3]{a} + \ln b^7 - \ln c = \ln \frac{\sqrt[3]{a} b^7}{c}$

36. Use the change of base formula to find $\log_4 5$ to four decimal places.

Solution: $\log_4 5 = \frac{\log 5}{\log 4} = \frac{0.6989700043}{0.6020599913} \approx 1.16096 \approx 1.1610$

37. Sketch a graph of the circle $(x-3)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 4$. Label 4 exact points.

Solution: The center is at (3, 1). The radius is $r = 2$. Locate the center and count 2 units each direction.



38. On the same set of axes graph the one-to-one function, $f(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x + 1$ and its inverse.

Write the equation of f^{-1} .

Solution: To find the inverse function follow the steps:

1. Replace $f(x)$ with y . $y = -\frac{1}{4}x + 1$

2. Switch the places of x and y . $x = -\frac{1}{4}y + 1$

3. Solve for y . $(4)x = (4)\left(-\frac{1}{4}y + 1\right)$

$$4x = -y + 4$$

$$\cancel{4x} - \cancel{4x} + y = \cancel{-y} + 4 - 4x + \cancel{y}$$

$$y = -4x + 4$$

4. Replace y with f^{-1} . $f^{-1}(x) = -4x + 4$

Graph both lines by calculating at least 3 points from each of them. If you have worked correctly, the lines are going to be symmetrical about the line $y = x$.

